



GENERAL RULES FOR 4-H & FFA



1. Entries are open to all 4-H and FFA members in good standing in Gallatin County. **Members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 to exhibit at the Fair.** Any 4-H family from another County moving to Gallatin County may transfer their project(s) after May 1.
2. **Deadline for 4-H Fair entries is Wednesday, June 28, 2006, 5:00 p.m.** We will accept entries through Wednesday, July 5 with a late fee of \$5.00 per member. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 5th, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
3. **All Judges' decisions are final!**
4. All 4-H exhibitors must select one project area in which they are enrolled in to be interviewed (can interview in as many projects as desired), to be eligible to exhibit. Some projects require an interview – check the specific project guidelines. Livestock exhibitors must select 1 animal or pen of animals for their interview. Choice for interview must be on entry form. An interview schedule will be sent out with rules for interviewing, interviews will receive ribbons but no premium money. If an exhibitor doesn't keep his/her interview appointment, all exhibits will be disqualified for that individual unless prior arrangements have been made with the 4-H office.
5. Record books must accompany each 4-H member to their interview or be inspected by their project leader.
6. The **Danish System of Judging** will be used. All eligible youth will receive blue, red, or white ribbons. On competitive basis purple ribbons, rosettes and/or trophies MAY be awarded at the judge's discretion with no additional premium money.
7. All 4-H and FFA **exhibits/animals must remain on display** until time stated in Fair Schedule. This includes taking exhibits/animals home at night. Exceptions may be made in the Horse Projects if an early removal contract is submitted & approved by the horse committee prior to fair. Removal of exhibits prior to end of Fair will result in forfeiture of all premiums earned & stall deposits unless otherwise arranged.
8. The Fair Board and/or anyone associated with the Fair Management will not be held responsible for the loss, damage or injury of any article or animal exhibited at the Fair, either during the process of the Fair or traveling to/from the Fair. The Fair Board will not be held responsible for the safe return of any exhibit to its owner, although due care and caution will be exercised to prevent loss or damage.
9. **Total points awarded to all 4-H and FFA exhibitors are divided into available premium pool money.** Results in per point value equals premium money awarded. **No premium money is awarded for rosettes or trophies and market animals.** Cloverbud entries are non-competitive & receive only green participation ribbons.
10. Refer to project manuals for items appropriate to project requirements.
11. Poster Guidelines and Score Sheets are available at the Extension Office. Guidelines are also in this handbook.
12. You may **exhibit current year's work** only.
13. Exhibitors must observe Fair Rules. The member/parent may receive a warning for a 1st infraction, severe infractions will disqualify both the member and project from further participation in that year's Fair. Entries not following rules may be disqualified or dropped one ribbon placing as decided by their project committee, 4-H leaders, and/or 4-H agent.
14. Age is determined between October 1 and September 30 of the current year.
15. When **age divisions** are used, these apply: **Juniors** - members 13 and under in current 4-H year. **Seniors** – members 14 and older in current 4-H year.
16. **Write-ins allowed** for exhibiting purpose only – no premium money awarded.
17. Grievances must be **filed in writing** to the Extension office within **24 hours of the incident**. A grievance committee of 4-H leaders and the county 4-H agent will review each grievance.